

Death Is Said to Be the Great Adventure But Being Born Into the World These Days Is Some Adventure For the Newcomer at Least

CONCRETE PAVING
BEING LAID NEAR
NO. BENNINGTONPart of Permanent Highway Is
Already CompletedConcrete Bridge Will Displace
Antiquated Structure Near
Stone Church

The surface has been stripped from the highway for the entire distance between the North Bennington village line and the junction with the Harvard hill road and the Fred T. Lay company has already laid considerable concrete paving. At the present time the paving machine is at work in front of the White company plant at North Bennington and is making more rapid progress each day.

Crushed hardheads are being used in the concrete mixer and the superintendents in charge pronounce it a first class material for this purpose. The stone is being crushed near the Meach Hole bridge and is hauled by truck to the mixer.

Since beginning the work has gone on rapidly and with few setbacks. The paving already laid looks substantial. It is seven inches thick in the center, tapering to six inches at the sides.

In a number of places the grade of the road has been materially changed. One of the larger details of the project is the replacing of the iron bridge near the stone church with a concrete structure. Just at present the forms for a part of the new bridge are in place and some concrete has been poured.

RHODY'S PATRIOTISM TO
BE OBSERVED SUNDAYSmallest State to Be Given Place in
Galaxy at Historic Camp at
Valley Forge

Philadelphia, May 27.—Rhode Island will take its place in the galaxy of colonial states in the Washington Memorial chapel at the historic Valley Forge camp around on Sunday, when the day presented by the National Society of Colonial Dames, Society of Colonial Wars and Daughters of the American Revolution from that state will be dedicated in the cloister of the Colonies.

It will be the first day to be dedicated. Two more remain to be created—North Carolina and Georgia. The money for these is now being raised. The day will be presented on behalf of the Rhode Island societies by Bishop James DeWolf Perry of that state and will be accepted by Suffragan Bishop Thomas J. Garland, of Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. M. Lord, of Providence, will deliver the principal address. The singing of patriotic hymns will be a feature of the dedication.

"AGIN" HOME BREW

Grape Juice Makes Appeals to Congress For Help

Washington, May 27.—Home brew and soft drinks of cereal origin are cutting deeply the grape juice business, John F. Welch, head of the company that bears his name, told the senate finance committee today in pleadings for reduction of taxes. He named the beverages, including home brew, which he said interfered with grape juice markets.

BRIAND IS UPHELD
AFTER DEBATE BY
FRENCH DEPUTIESPremier Overcomes Opposition
of Poincare and Followers

SAYS AMERICA IS GUIDE

Paris, May 27.—The chamber of deputies this evening gave a vote of confidence to Premier Briand's government on the question of the government's stand with regard to Silesia and generally concerning its attitude toward Germany.

The Premier, in defending his policy against the attacks of former Premier Poincare and his followers, who wished measures of the most severe kind taken against Germany and the reparation payments fixed at the full amount France had suffered, argued that the wishes of Great Britain, Italy and the United States should be considered in the matter; that France had obtained in two weeks, by a show of her might more from Germany than the Allies had received in two years and that the cabinet of Dr. Wirth was worthy of a belief that it would carry out its promises.

The vote followed a three days' debate, in which Premier Briand championed the government's attitude on the Silesian and other important foreign questions.

The first part of the order of the day, declaring that the London ultimatum offered the minimum indispensable guarantees, was voted 403 to 163; the second, implying confidence in the government to impose disarmament, full payment and the immediate application of penalties in case of evasion by Germany, was adopted, 390 to 162.

The vote on the order of the day as a whole was 419 to 171. A determined attack was made on the London ultimatum by M. Lefevre, former Minister of Finance, who declared that the only effective and offered a motion to refer the whole question to a committee.

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MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Young Woman Given Surprise by
Twenty of Her Friends

A miscellaneous shower was given for Miss Victoria Temple Wednesday evening in honor of her approaching marriage at the home of Mrs. W. C. Carey.

Union Miss Temple's arrival at the Carey home was taken to the living room and when the lights were turned on saw 20 of her friends waiting for her. Miss Geraldine Carey then wheeled in a cart which was decorated and contained many handsome and useful gifts for the bride to be.

The rest of the evening was spent in playing games, music and dancing. A buffet lunch was served.

120 YEARS OLD

But Death's Not Due to Advanced
Age

Reading, Cal., May 27.—Tom Delta, a venerable Winton Indian, killed recently near Antler, northern California. The coroner's inquest returned a verdict of death due to lack of nourishment and care and fixed Delta's age at about 120 years.

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BASEBALL GAME TOMORROW

Monitors of Green Island to Oppose
K. of C. Nine at Morgan Park.

The Monitors of Green Island will be the opposing team in the game of baseball to be played at Morgan Park tomorrow, beginning at 4 o'clock.

There have been a few minor changes in the K. of C. team which should create an improvement. The battery will consist of Costello and Brazell and the remainder of the line up will be as follows: Scott, 1b.; Bevis, 2d.; Shaw or Bryant, ss.; Miner, 3d.; Greenwood, Moran and Leonard in the field. Mooney will be on the bench in case a second pitcher is required.

The committee has made arrangements to provide seats on the field. The Bennington high school team will play Housick Falls high school on Morgan park tomorrow afternoon. The game will be called at 1:30 in order to complete the contest before the beginning of the K. of C. Monitor game.

BENNINGTON HOME OF
THEATRICAL PEOPLESeveral Former Residents Connected
with Leading Successes of the
Recent Season

For many years Bennington has been represented in the theatrical business by a number of persons who were born in the village, who lived here for considerable periods or who have established their homes here after having become identified with the stage.

Just at present the bright young men who keep the wolf from the door by keeping the rising and ardent stars before the reading public are devoting much of their energies to the case of Miss Virginia O'Brien, who not long ago was a member of the St. Francis de Sales choir but who during the past two years has made a marked success with two or three of Cohen's musical productions.

Friends of Virginia O'Brien in Bennington are aware of the fact that she has a younger sister, Madeline, and many of them have also heard that she has been on the stage since the family moved to New York from Bennington. She is said to possess a remarkably well trained soprano voice, plus a generous knowledge of stage dancing and it is at present being very well, thank you, with the "Honey Girl" company. She made her debut in the chorus of "The Royal Vagabond" in which Virginia had the lead for one of the Cohen companies.

Another resident of Bennington, Helen Miller, is now with Cohen's latest production, "The O'Brien Girl," which is described as a dancing show first, last and all the time and for which much success is predicted once Cohen smoothes out some wrinkles. Some of the press notices describe "The O'Brien Girl" as the most elaborate production ever staged by Cohen. The cast is said to be loaded down with high salaried people, a fact that will necessitate correspondingly large box receipts to put the thing through.

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TRUCKMAN KILLED

North Adams Man Is Fatally Crushed
Between Motor Cars.

North Adams, May 27.—Merritt E. Wheeler, 35, member of the trucking firm of Wheeler & Amell, was almost instantly killed when he was jammed between one of his own trucks and another on Mohawk trail about 4 yesterday afternoon.

Wheeler met his death after he had stopped his truck to put water in the radiator. He had gone to the rear of his machine, which was facing up the Mohawk trail, to block the rear wheel, and just as he stepped from behind it a large oil-distributing truck, owned by the state highway commission, and driven by George Capen of Everett, came along on its way down the trail. Capen did not see Wheeler. The latter was caught between the two trucks.

LEGION PROTESTS.

Tells Congress to Keep Hands Off
Forces in Germany.

Washington, May 27.—A resolution disapproving the proposal in Congress for immediate withdrawal of American forces from Germany was adopted last night by the National Committee on Military Policy of the American Legion. Referring to the resolution the committee went on record against the "withdrawal of American forces on the Rhine by congressional resolution" and declared the question as to when they properly should be withdrawn should be left to the discretion of the president.

ARLINGTON

See Slader, optometrist, at the Arco tomorrow. Adv.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and warmer, Saturday unsettled.

630 ANNIVERSARY
EXERCISES HELD
BY THE Y. M. C. A.Appropriate Observance Held
at Baptist ChurchREMARKABLE HISTORIES
Struggles and Successes of Or-
ganization Told by Sec. Wins-
low and Mrs. Sheldon.

Anniversary exercises for the local Y. M. C. A. were held Thursday evening at the Baptist church in the presence of an audience that was highly appreciative of the excellent program prepared. The program not only provided something in the way of entertainment but it served to reveal in a marked degree the exceptional interest, the strenuous endeavor and the faithful service of the men and women who have upheld the organization in its days of trial, who have given of their time and effort that the benefits of its great work might be realized in this community and who have never wavered in their faith in the ultimate success that appears to have been attained.

Incidents in the history of the Bennington Y. M. C. A. recurred again and again during the exercises and those in the audience who have not been directly concerned in the activities of the organization must have been impressed with the sublime faith of the workers who have carried the many burdens that have made up so much of this history. The Bennington Y. M. C. A. as it stands today is an accomplishment of many remarkable features when one takes into consideration its progress as outlined at the exercises Thursday evening.

Dr. Lucius H. Ross, who had served six years as president of the association presided at the exercises. In announcing that E. T. Griswold would read the scripture lesson, the chairman stated that Mr. Griswold acted as secretary at the meeting which reorganized the association in 1889. In calling upon Homer H. Webster to lead in prayer, the chairman added that Mr. Webster had for 20 years been a member of the board of directors.

Rev. W. G. Toward, pastor of the Baptist church, brought the greetings of the local churches. Arthur J. Holden, who returned during the night from Burlington where he attended a meeting of the state committee, of which he is a member, briefly related the impressions of earnestness and determination obtained at that gathering.

State Secretary Byron N. Clark briefly outlined the history of the Y. M. C. A. as an organization originally put into existence by an English boy, George Williams, and later carried across the continent to America. The course of his remarks he cited the remarkable work being done by the railroad Y. M. C. A. in the little town of Island Pond on the Canadian border, which last year had a budget of \$14,000.

Two impressive features of the exercises were the histories, that of the association by the general secretary, H. W. Winslow, and that of the Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. W. R. Sheldon. The secretary's paper was a remarkable document and showed a large amount of research on the part of the writer. It began with the organization of the original association in 1859, which suspended during the civil war and was revived in 1889, and followed its progress, with its many vicissitudes and accomplishments, to the present day.

Mrs. Sheldon's history of the Woman's auxiliary was a revelation. Its main purpose was a tribute to the worth of the women who had been of so much assistance but whose names were quaintly humorous references to the rummage sale and the efforts of the supper committee.

Hon. Mason S. Stone represented Governor Hartness who had planned to address the gathering but who had been obliged to cancel the engagement because of important conferences in Montpelier. Mr. Stone is no stranger to Bennington audiences. His address was a finished production which was full of the absolute necessity of ideals in the accomplishment of any work while project by individual, community or nation. It was intensified with the recital of incidents from his personal experiences as a traveler in other lands and was listened to with the closest attention.

The church choir assisted in congregational singing and there were violin solos by Harry Murphy and a vocal solo by Earl Chase. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Vincent Rivbood of the Old First church, Old Bennington.

The following acted as ushers: Fred Cown, Harold Levin, Donald Fawley, John Elwell, and O. Liljestrain. The same had charge of refreshments at the informal reception which followed the meeting.

Miss Eleanor Norton and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Holden had charge of the church floral decorations.

This morning, Rev. James A. Perry entertained the following in his home at an Anniversary Breakfast in honor of the Y. M. C. A. Hon. Mason S. Stone, F. L. Bottom, George A. Mathers, Frank E. Howe, Henry W. Wils, slow and John N. Leonard.

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TABLEAUX IS RECENTED

Parochial Pupil, Gave Fine Entertain-
ment Tuesday Evening.

The play given in Academy hall last Tuesday by the children of the French parochial schools under the auspices of the St. Jean de Baptiste society was a success in every respect. The hall was filled to its capacity and judging by the applause the audiences was very well pleased. The stage was prettily decorated with ferns, flowers and flags.

The "tableaux" of Joan of Arc was presented by Miss Ida Vachon making a very adorable Joan, with eight little angels at her sides. Rev. Louis Prevost of Attleboro, Mass., gave an interesting lecture on Dillard Des Ormeaux, the French hero, Rev. C. E. Prevost had as guests Father Carley of Bennington, Father J. K. Mallot of Manchester, Vt., and Father L. E. Prevost of Attleboro, Mass.

Following is a list of the children who took part in the play: Doris Thibodeau, Pauline Lapierre, Laurette Marcoux, Florent Longtin, Irene Sausville, Louise Boutin, Madeline Shanahan, Jeannette Laframance, Jeannette Plourde, Lea Couture, Irene Morin, Eleonore Bergeron, Mabel Courture, Lina Lacroix, Blanche Lauzon, Brete Cote, Geneva Corrore, Adrienne Longtin, Marguerite Roy, Adrienne Sausville, Yvonne Marcoux, Regina Marcoux, Marguerite Pellerin, Exilda Lapierre, Aline Laframance, Marion Laframance, Frances Desjardins, Irene Marcoux, Eva Gauthier, Rachel Bette, Laurette Gratton, Alice Morin, Jeanne Morin, Laurette Lauzon, Marion Frazer, Jeannette Laframance, Francella Shanahan, Alice Sausville, Louise Plourde, Cecile Gratton, Richard Morin, James Maloney, Gerald Benoit, Louis Laframance, Victor Gauthier, Leo Belonger, Victor Daurour, Romer Cote, Louis Gauthier, Victor Marcoux, Raymond Laframance, Henri Pinsonnault, Charles Sausville, Arland Roy, Hector Bette, Edward Bergeron.

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BOY'S LIFE IS SAVED BY
HIS FAITHFUL AIRDALECompanion Drowns When Canoe Cap-
sized During Fierce Storm on
Lake George

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Warner of East Main street returned Thursday night from Ticonderoga, N. Y., where they were called Monday morning by the sudden death of Kenneth Keast, an 18 year old boy of that place.

Young Keast and a companion named Walter Wallace, also 18 years old, had gone together on a canoe voyage on Lake George. Sunday afternoon, Wallace brought his Airdale along, a fact to which he owes his life.

While the boys were on the lake a sudden and violent windstorm arose and their canoe capsized. Neither boy could swim and young Keast was drowned. But the faithful airdale went to his master's assistance and, despite the fury of the waves, kept the Wallace boy's head above water while he towed him to the shore.

The Warners report the storm of Sunday on Lake George as being one of the most severe of recent years. The waters were so rough, they say, that people ashore dared not to put out in rowboats to help the young men. Still the airdale remained true to his master until a place of safety had been reached. They add that Wallace's clothing was cut almost to ribbons by the dog in grabbing him to save his friend.

The big storm did not subside until Monday, and then the body of Keast was recovered.

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BRITAIN PLEASED
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RE DISARMAMENTLondon Shows Great Interest In
Senate's Farley ProposalSEES SUPREMACY WANE
Working For Normalcy

London, May 27.—An official invitation from the United States to Great Britain to participate in a conference on naval disarmament will be enthusiastically welcomed here. On both sides of Downing street—the foreign office and the prime minister's house—the greatest interest was shown yesterday in the senate's adoption of Senator Borah's proposal for an Anglo-Japanese-American conference.

Great Britain has been deeply stirred by the prospect that the supremacy of the seas would pass across the Atlantic in 1926 according to American and British naval programmes, and speaking from a purely practical viewpoint, there is a large section of opinion here which would like to see an agreement to limit naval armaments before this supremacy actually passes.

On the other hand, there is undoubtedly a large opinion believing that disarmament must come if the future of the world is to be secured.

While responsible statesmen decline to be quoted, there is no mistaking the strong sentiment favoring the cordial acceptance of an invitation to any sort of a conference for naval disarmament. It has been their unswerving position that the first move in this question was up to the United States.

"Anything we initiated might be used by our enemies in your country to arouse suspicion as to our motives," said one intimate adviser to the prime minister today. "But we will welcome the first move from your side and will prove the genuineness of our willingness to cooperate."

That Japanese pact

The Borah plan is also welcomed as a possible solution of the problems connected with the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty which will form one of the most important subjects at the coming empire conference. In such a joint move for disarmament British statesmen see the terms of a new alliance or understanding among the three Powers whereby the peace of Asia and the Pacific will be assured. That such a conference might be strewn with difficulties is likewise recognized.

For instance, it was asked today whether the United States might bring up the Shantung question if Japan entered such a conference. Many British statesmen hope that the Shantung question will be straggled out before a conference is possible, and it is known here that informal representations already have been made by London to Japan on this subject and also concerning Yap in order to smooth the way for Anglo-American cooperation.

CONDITIONS IN CHINA

SAID TO BE APPALING

150,000 Die Every Day From Starvation; Relief Committeemen
For Vermont Declares

Former Lieut. Governor Mason S. Stone calls Montpelier his home, but the world's really his abiding place. Any one who has traced the gentleman's peregrinations over a map of the globe will readily agree with this statement, even though Mr. Stone's patriotism to Vermont and the capital city would deny the assertion. Mr. Stone has been in almost every place, but nowhere is he ever accorded a more hospitable welcome than in Bennington. He was here Thursday and while in the first village of the state paid an appreciated visit to The Banner office.

During a pleasant running conversation that touched upon a variety of topics, ranging from Y. M. C. A. history to the conditions of Asia, Mr. Stone incidentally hinted that he was one of Vermont's committeemen for the relief of the starving Chinese. Yes; Mr. Stone has visited the far east, having passed some time in China and Japan.

"The Chinese," said he, "are dying from starvation at the rate of 150,000 a day. Think of that. Something must be done to help these unfortunate people. Why, my latest information from that area is that the government authorities have had to send forces to the agricultural districts to stop the natives from eating the rice seed now in the ground. The situation there is appalling."

Mr. Stone said a nation-wide appeal for contributions to help these people will be made in the immediate future.

PROPERTY IS SEIZED

Alien Property Custodian Takes Over
Bergdoll's Estate.

Philadelphia, May 27.—All the property in this city of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the convicted draft evader and army deserter now in Germany, valued at about eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars, today was seized by Colonel Miller, alien property custodian of the United States. It consists of real estate and money on deposit in four local banking institutions. The property was held by Bergdoll's mother under power of attorney.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—Good hard wood sawed and split for stove. Nelson Rose, Tel. 1812.

TO RENT—Room for light housekeeping. Apply at 232 North street of Dwight. Answer.

WANTED—To buy a good second hand drag. Address P. O. Box 293, North Bennington, Vt. 1811.

WANTED—Competent girl for general housework, two in family. Apply at 122 South street. 1811.

Many Missing.

Every year no fewer than 30,000 persons are reported missing in London alone. Some of them are never seen nor heard of again; others, after weeks or months of absence, return and take up the threads of their former life as if they had never left it.—Brooklyn Eagle.

HARDING TALKS
WITH BANKERSHolds Conference at White House
With Financial LeadersForeign Loans By Private Capital
Discussed—Nothing
Definite Results

Washington, D. C., May 27.—President Harding last night called in some of the leading financiers of the country to hear them and question them on the industrial outlook, particularly as to means and advisability of extending further loans to foreign governments.

While consideration was being given to the matter of loans from private capital to foreign nations, President Harding made it known that his policy would be to restrict such loans unless the proceeds are to be used to aid American production and industry.

Most of the financiers held that such loans presented the most practicable means to pace foreign finances on a sound basis and aid American exports. Some, however, expressed concern over the possibility of the credits being used to buy the product of other countries.

Many questions were touched upon incidental to the primary discussion invited. It is understood. Among them was the Administration proposal to so fund the allied indebtedness to America that the permanent securities accepted might in the future, when conditions permitted such a course, be distributed to the American people. It is the conviction of the President and his advisers, as expressed in New York that private holding is much better than public holding of these securities.

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LABOR SHORTAGE TO BE
TOPIC AT CONFERENCEThe Shortage, However, Pertains to
Vineyard—Noted Speakers
for the Occasion.

Labor Shortage will be the topic for discussion at the meeting of the Bennington County Congregational churches in Old Bennington, Tuesday night.

"Labor Shortage" evidenced by the rapidly decreasing number of young men entering the ministry.

When a commodity is scarce, the price rises, hence the consumer often does without it, or the public takes steps to increase the supply. "What is to come of the shortage of leaders in religious work? Will the 'Consumer' do without them?" church people are asking. "Will salaries rise? Will the churches take united action to recruit young men for the ministry?"

Two of the speakers, Tuesday, Messrs. Hodgdon and Bradshaw, hall from Boston. They have made themselves experts on these questions, which the churches must answer, and answer soon.

Following is the program, which is open to the general public:

Morning—Devotional, service, 11 o'clock; organization and business, 11:15 o'clock. Four minutes reports of churches, 11:45. Address by Frank W. Hodgdon of Boston, New England secretary annual fund, "Veterans and Recruits in the Ministry," 12:10.

Afternoon—Women's Missionary meeting, 2:15; Unfinished business, 2:45; Discussion, 3—(a) Why is it worth while to be a minister? (b) How the home can help in securing ministers. Address by Mr. J. Bradshaw of Boston, life service secretary, Congregational education society, 2:30. "The Congregational Ministry, Its Demands and Rewards," Offering for association expenses, 3:55. Address by Secretary C. C. Merrill, "Men Wanted for the Rural Ministry in Vermont—The Kind and the Number," 4:05. The Lord's supper, 4:30.

The exercises will be conducted under day light saving time, which is one hour faster than standard time.

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